

scout sdg challenge 2020

‘get involved & be
prepared to create a
better world’



SCOUTS  *for* **SDGs**

introduction:

On the 16th of November 2018 "Scouts for SDG's" was launched at the United Nations (UN) headquarters in New York – "an unprecedented mobilisation of our Movement that will see 50 million Scouts make the world's largest coordinated youth contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) for 2030".

Check out the [SDG Challenge page](#) on the [SCOUTS South Africa website](#) and the [WOSM Scouts for SDGs initiative](#) for lots more information.

how can we help?

In order to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all, we all have a role to play.

This is where Scouting comes in.

"Since its beginnings, Scouting has been enabling young people from every corner of the globe to create positive change in their communities, acting on challenges and needs at all levels of society. It uses an action-orientated, self-educational approach to contribute to the empowerment and holistic development of young people as autonomous individuals and active global citizens."

For the next few years, the SCOUTS South Africa National Challenge for Meerkats and Cubs and the SDG challenge for Scouts, Rovers and Adults will focus on a number of SDG's. Last year we focused on SDG 1 to 4, which can still be tackled by members if they wish.

the 2020 challenge:

This year's SDG Challenge will focus on **SDG's 5, 13, 14 and 15**, being gender equality; climate action; life below water and life on land.



SSA members who complete the challenges for SDG 5, 13, 14 or 15 can earn a badge for each. Those who have earned all the 2019 SDG Challenge badges – or are planning on completing them – as well as the four 2020 SDG Challenge badges, will qualify for the "SDG Champion Badge"!

sdg 5: achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.



All humans are born equal no matter their gender. It's our duty to make sure that women and men have equal opportunities and rights in every part of life. When women are empowered, the entire society benefits.

COMPLETE 3 of the following:

1. Research and create a poster to educate a Patrol on child marriages and why it is important for a girl to have a right to not marry early.
2. Be aware of gender stereotypes in everyday life and at a Troop meeting perform a skit, with your Patrol, doing tasks that are typically associated with the opposite gender. Hold a group discussion with the Troop on the experience.
3. Raise your voice against violence and harassment. Create a poster/vlog/blog. Share your campaign with your Patrol and the Troop.
4. Earn the Diversity Awareness Challenge badge. Find more info here: <https://www.scouts.org.za/wp-content/uploads/Diversity-Awareness-Badge-2019F.pdf>
5. Complete the activities in the HeForShe toolkit. Commit to being an ambassador for gender equality in Scouting. Find more info here: https://www.scout.org/sites/default/files/library_files/HeForShe%20%26%20WOSM%20ActionKIT_V2_EN.pdf

sdg 13: take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.



The negative effects of climate change are already visible in so many aspects of life. Offsetting the impact of climate change starts with education, awareness, and individual action. We can all do something small to offset our footprint on this planet that we call home.

COMPLETE 3 of the following:

1. Earn the Conservation Scoutcraft badge.
2. Earn the World Scout Environment badge.
3. Download the NANO app and upload a minimum of 10 tasks completed.
4. Learn about composting and set up a compost bin in your household. Create a poster/video/ slide show about your experience and share it with a Cub Pack or Meerkat Den.
5. Start a recycling campaign at your Troop/School/Church/Temple. The campaign must run for at least 6 months.
6. Research the impact the meat industry has on the environment. Prepare a poster/slide show/video to illustrate what you have found out. Share your findings with a Patrol.
7. Research how much energy is used to make the plastic bottles used in your house in a week. Share your findings with your Patrol.

sdg 14: conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.



Oceans and seas cover over 70% of our planet. Our existence depends on them for food, water, energy, and more, yet they're suffering from overfishing and plastic pollution. By keeping our oceans clean and our fish stocks healthy, we'll ensure that the Earth will remain habitable for humankind for centuries to come.

COMPLETE the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge Badge up to Champion level to earn the Life Below Water badge. Use the Tide Turners Toolkit. Find it here: <https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/28007/ChallengeBagdeTkt.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

OR

COMPLETE 3 of the following:

1. At a campfire perform a skit with your Patrol on why we need the ocean.
2. By 2050 it is estimated that there will be more plastic than fish in the sea. Try and stop using single use plastic at home and create a campaign to encourage others to do the same. Share your campaign with a Meerkat Den or a Cub Pack.
3. Take part in a clean-up project at a local dam/river/ocean. Publicise what you have done.
4. Complete the Water Biologist Interest badge.
5. Complete the Leader Level badge requirements for the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge Badge. Use the Tide Turners Toolkit.

sdg 15: protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.



Forests provide a home for millions of species and give us all clean air and water. To protect and restore life on land, we need to stop deforestation and preserve biodiversity.

COMPLETE the Water Champ challenge badge, for Scouts.

Find it here: <https://www.scouts.org.za/2018/02/13/ssa-water-champ-challenge-badge/>

OR

COMPLETE 3 of the following:

1. With your Patrol or Troop, clear a local area of alien vegetation.
2. Plant at least 3 fruit bearing trees/plants in your local community. Care for and maintain the garden you have planted for a period of at least 6 months.
3. Volunteer at an animal shelter for a period of at least 3 months.
4. Research and present a poster/display/video you have created on your community's local bird/animal life and how you can help maintain their habitat.
5. Complete the Observation Scoutcraft badge.
6. Complete the World Scout Environment badge (if not completed for a previous challenge).